

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY MANAGUA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 7559

INFO AMEMBASSY CARACAS

AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

AMEMBASSY MEXICO

AMEMBASSY PANAMA

AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

C O N F I D E N T I A L MANAGUA 3942

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, PINT, NU

SUBJECT: FSLN ATTACK: UPDATE

REF: MANAGUA 3923

1. AS OF 4:30 PM LOCAL SITUATION REMAINED UNCHANGED.  
REPORTS ON A 1:30 PM SANDINISTA DEADLINE THREAT RECEIVED  
BY PHONE FROM NEWSMAN INPRISONED IN NATIONAL PALACE  
HAVE NOT, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, BEEN CARRIED OUT. DEADLINE WAS  
REPORTEDLY SET BECAUSE SOMOZA "FAILED TO MEET MINIMUM DEMANDS."  
THREAT WAS THAT FSLN WOULD SHOOT TWO (2) PLN DEPUTIES AND A  
NOVEDADES REPORTER. LATEST FIGURE RECEIVED FROM GUARDIA  
NACIONAL OF NUMBERS OF FSLN TERRORISTS INVOLVED ESTIMATED  
AT 40 RATHER THAN THE 12 TO 18 EARLIER REPORTED.

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2. IN ADDITION TO THOSE THAT ESCAPED LAST NIGHT THE TERRORISTS  
RELEASED APPROXIMATELY 20 TO 30 SICK OR WOUNDED ADULTS  
AND SOME CHILDREN. THERE HAVE BEEN A TOTAL OF FIVE  
DEAD BODIES REMOVED FROM THE PALACE, ALL IDENTIFIED  
AS GUARDIA PERSONNEL.

3. IT HAS BEEN DIFFICULT FOR EMBASSY TO OBTAIN FACTS.  
REPORTS OUT OF THE NATIONAL PALACE ARE VARIED AND IN-  
COMPLETE AND, ALTHOUGH WE ARE IN CONTACT WITH SENIOR  
GON OFFICERS, NEGOTIATIONS ON THE GON SIDE ARE BING  
CARRIED OUT WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE.

4. MANAGUA AIRPORT WAS FORMALLY RE-OPENED AT 3:30 PM  
BUT NO CIVILIAN FLIGHTS ARE SCHEDULED UNTIL THE PANAM  
5:40 PM FLIGHT ARRIVING FROM GUATEMALA CITY.

5. ARCHBISHOP AND ECCLESIASTICAL COLLEAGUES REPORTEDLY ARE  
NOW AT PALACE NEGOTIATING WITH THE FSLN TERRORISTS.  
WE HAVE NO INFO ON SPECIFIC NEGOTIATING POSITIONS.

6. WILL REPORT BY NIACT IMMEDIATE CABLE ANY FURTHER  
SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS.  
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